

**Amendment to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claims 1-29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (canceled)

Claim 31 (Original) A process for the production of a finished carpet article having a uniform back coating comprising:

- A) moving a greige good face side down along a substantially horizontal path;
- B) applying tension to the greige good as it moves along the path;
- C) applying a puddle of a frothed composition to the reverse side of the greige good through a supply means;
- D) passing the greige good with the puddle over a bedplate and under a doctor blade, wherein the bedplate is positioned below the substantially horizontal path and spans across it, and the doctor blade is attached to a frame and positioned above the substantially horizontal path, and wherein two bars are attached to the substantially horizontal upper surface of the bedplate in a manner that the two bars transversely span across the bedplate, with the first bar positioned upstream of the doctor blade and the second bar positioned downstream of the doctor blade, thereby forming a recess in conjunction with the bedplate in the area around the doctor blade assembly;
- E) allowing the face fibers of the greige good to fall into the recess;
- F) forming a uniform coating on the back face of the fibers of the greige good;

and

- G) collecting the back coated greige good.

Claim 32 (Original) A process for the production of a finished carpet article having a uniform back coating comprising:

- A) moving a greige good face side down along a substantially horizontal path;
- B) applying tension to the greige good as it moves along the path;
- C) applying a puddle of a frothed composition to the reverse side of the greige good through a supply means;
- D) passing the greige good with the puddle over a first bedplate, under a doctor blade assembly, and over a second bedplate, wherein the bedplates are positioned below the substantially horizontal path and span across it, and the doctor blade is attached to a frame and positioned above the substantially horizontal path, and wherein the two bedplates are adjacent to each other but do not contact each other, thereby forming a recess in the area under the doctor blade;
- E) allowing the face fibers of the greige good to fall into the recess;
- F) forming a uniform coating on the back face of the fibers of the greige good;

and

- G) collecting the back coated greige good.